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A BUTTON TO A PIECE OF  
FABRIC OR GARMENT

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Group Art Unit: 3765

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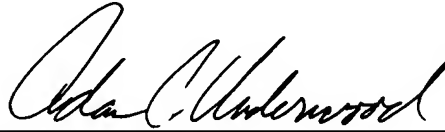
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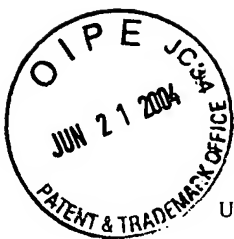
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